

## Nebraska

## STATE BOARD FIRES THOMAS

Head of Kearney Normal Ordered to Leave This Week.

## HE DECLINES TO RESIGN JOB

Superintendent of Educational Institution Since Its Start Declares He is Victim of Personal Hatred.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Board of Education yesterday summarily dismissed Superintendent A. O. Thomas of the Kearney Normal school, ordering him to leave the place he has held for nine years next Saturday, October 25.

The board gave Mr. Thomas a chance to send in his resignation, but he declined, holding that the action taken was the result of personal spite against him and not just cause.

The resolution calling for the official resignation of the superintendent reads: "for the best results to the normal schools of Nebraska."

The board will place M. I. Snodgrass, present dean of the school, in charge temporarily next week until a new head can be chosen.

How They Voted. Those who voted for the removal of Mr. Thomas are: H. H. Vile, chairman of the board, Grand Island; A. L. Caviness, Fairbury; Thomas J. Majors of Peru; J. E. Delsell, state superintendent of public instruction.

Those voting with Dr. Thomas were: State Treasurer W. A. George, J. Fuller of Broken Bow and J. R. Getz. The change of State Superintendent Delsell to the opposition is said to have brought on the action of the board, the determination to dismiss Dr. Thomas having been a subject of board politics for some time.

Action taken by the normal board today was done secretly, the meeting not being generally known and the results not being given out through the usual channels. It is said that a recent statement of Dr. Thomas, in which an element in state school politics represented strongly on the Board of Education, was criticized for opposition to him in securing a position as president of the University of Arkansas brought matters that had long been pending to a head.

Keats Personal Matter. KEARNEY, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Superintendent A. O. Thomas arrived last night in Kearney, bringing the news of his dismissal as head of the school he has served for nine years. "I attribute the board's action to politics," said he. "The Kearney school is in good condition and there is no reason for this action that I know of unless it be a personal one. I had reason to expect enmity of Member Caviness and knew when he was appointed to the board that he would be opposed to me, but had some reason to expect a square deal from the rest of the board."

"Nothing but praise should be spoken for this friends of the Kearney Normal school, which has made long strides since its establishment. I feel that the school's interest is first and foremost that it will continue to advance with the growth of the wonderful territory it serves." Previous to his election as head of the Kearney school, Dr. Thomas was for four years superintendent of the Kearney public schools.

## KEARNEY REBELS AT ACTION

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school, he stated that every man has his own troubles to bear and must fight his own battles, and urged the student body to use great discretion before taking any action that would in any manner put a black mark against a school held in such high esteem by the people of the entire state.

President Thomas said: "I think the board has acted with undue haste in creating a vacancy, because four days is not sufficient time in which to check up the books and make an inventory of the state's property. I am confident that the institution will be found in good shape. The school is making progress. It has a magnificent student body, earnest, loyal and finely self-disciplined. The faculty is a body of unusual strength and does magnificent team work. I do not fear that the students will do anything for which I will need to apologize. The school is bound to go forward. I appreciate the extreme loyalty of the community and the expressions of confidence on the part of the students, faculty and community, is of much comfort."

"I have been so busy building an institution that I have not had time to work politics to checkmate my enemies. No man and no set of men can set up their interests against those of the school, hence any interest is entirely overshadowed by the interests of the school. This is a time for action, not a time for regret."

State Treasurer George in an interview this morning denounced the action of the removal of Prof. Thomas as an outrage.

## Free from Catarrh

Mr. John O. Atkinson, No. 1555 North Emporia Ave., Wichita, Kan., writes under date of January 16, 1913: "I wrote you about my case of catarrh, which had been of twenty-five years standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me. Your remedies do all that you claim for them and even more. Catarrh cannot exist where Peruna is taken according to directions." (See "His Life," sent free by the Peruna Co., Columbus, Ohio.)

In a later letter dated January 1, 1913, Mr. Atkinson says, after five years experience with Peruna: "I will ever continue to speak a good word for Peruna. In my rounds as a traveling man I am a walking advertisement for Peruna, and have induced many people during the past year to use Peruna with the most satisfactory results. I am still free from catarrh."

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He said the educational interests of the state have passed into the control of a close corporation. He added that no charge of any kind had been made against Mr. Thomas and that he had not been given any notice that such action was contemplated.

## NORMAL BOARD UNDER FIRE

Action in Dismissing Dr. Thomas Creates Much Comment.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The action of the State Board of Education in removing Dr. A. O. Thomas as principal of the Kearney Normal school last night is the main topic of conversation around the state house today. As a general thing there is considerable criticism of the board for its action in disposing of Dr. Thomas in a meeting held on the quiet, and declare it an indication that the board was ashamed of what it was about to do.

Superintendent Thomas has always fought the "ring" in state educational circles and it is generally understood that the "ring" as Dr. Thomas termed it, was tired of having to meet the scraps put up by the superintendent. In fact one member of the board is known to have said after the meeting that they were tired of the fight Dr. Thomas has put up to get elected president of the Teachers' association and to become a member of the Schoolmasters' club, which is understood to be the political machine of the educators of the state, and proposed to end it.

Dr. Thomas has been superintendent of the Kearney Normal school for nine years. He is one of the heads of a state institution which has declared that he would not create a deficiency in his state institution.

In talking with a Bee representative last winter during the session of the legislature Dr. Thomas said, "I always figure ahead at the Kearney Normal and when I see that I am liable to run short on my appropriation I cut out things that we really need in order to keep within our appropriation. I will not create a deficiency in my institution and come before the legislature asking them to appropriate money to fix it up."

## Outcome of Other Fight.

It is said that the removal of Dr. Thomas is the outcome of the fight a few years ago when Principal Crabtree was removed from the Peru Normal school against the wishes and demands of Colonel T. J. Majors, who recently was appointed to the normal board by Governor Morehead and who voted last night to remove Thomas from the Kearney school. At that time Dr. Thomas took considerable interest in the matter and was present at the meeting of the board at the time Crabtree was let out, and it is said was somewhat pleased with the action of the board.

A short time afterwards Dr. Thomas was considered as head of the Arkansas university, but lost out. Dr. Thomas claims that letters written to the Arkansas board of regents by Crabtree, F. M. Hunter, now superintendent of the Lincoln schools, and others were responsible for the action of the Arkansas board in not hiring Dr. Thomas. A short time ago it was rumored that Dr. Thomas was to begin action for damages against the alleged letter writers, but so far as known the suit got no further than the rumor stage.

## Majors Not Feeling Bad.

When asked about the removal this morning Colonel Majors said that as the junior member of the board he felt that he could take little part in the controversy and told the board that it was up to them. "Of course I voted," said the colonel, while a twinkle in his eye showed that he was not feeling very badly over the result of the vote.

Dean M. R. Snodgrass has been placed in charge of the Kearney school pending other arrangements and R. C. King, inspector of rural schools, in the office of State Superintendent Delsell, will go to Kearney as registrar and business manager of the institution.

## FORMER CHADRON MINISTER PAYS VISIT TO OLD HOME

CHADRON, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Rev. Gregory J. Powell, superintendent of missions of Montana, of Billings, made a brief visit in Chadron, leaving Monday for a convention of Congregational churches, which convenes at Kansas City the 23d inst.

Rev. Mr. Powell was one of the foundation builders of Chadron, and many visible effects of his good work remain. He gave an address, chiefly of reminiscences of early life, in the First Congregational church Sunday.

Among other things, he told of the starting by Mrs. James C. Dahlman, Mrs. O'Leary, Mrs. Hayward, with himself and some other "mere men" of what is now the public library, and the Chadron academy, with Rev. Mr. Bross and others, declaring that this latter had always kept the literary spirit so strong in Chadron that it had caused the State normal to come.

Chadron, he said, started with the sons of seventeen ministers, among whom was its present mayor, Allen G. Fieher, and himself.

Rev. Mr. Powell left here twenty-one years ago. He was pastor of a Congregational church in Omaha for many years afterward.

## News from Fairbury.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Walter Brandt has returned to Des Moines, after a visit with Fairbury friends. He was formerly employed in the Rock Island offices at this place.

George Duncan, a Nebraska division conductor, is off on a vacation and is enjoining in Alberta, Canada.

Jacob King is the new claim adjuster on the Rock Island at this point. He succeeds W. B. Hart, who resigned and left for Montreal, Canada, to take a position as claim agent with a Canadian railroad. Mr. King is off of the "Pinto" railroad.

W. C. Cavanagh has resumed work as chief dispatcher after spending a two weeks' vacation. He visited with relatives in Illinois and Michigan. Fred Folsom was acting chief dispatcher in his absence.

S. E. Mueller, ex-general foreman of the locomotive shops at this place, has been appointed as a master mechanic on the Union Pacific.

Division Superintendent A. W. Kelso presided over a "safety first" meeting in Fairbury today, which was attended by employees representing every class of service on the Nebraska division. A large number of employees and local officials were also in attendance. These meetings for the last year were held in the superintendent's office on the public square; in the future they will be held in the

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# ORKIN BROTHERS

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## Rock Island yards so that all classes of employees can attend the same.

Fred Schloesser left for Kansas City to visit a week with friends and relatives. Mr. Schloesser is a foreman in the Rock Island shops at this place.

Claim Adjuster D. H. Stiers left for Colorado Springs, after spending a week in this city looking after a number of Nebraska division cases. He was succeeded by Jacob King, who has been appointed claim adjuster at this point.

## Doctor Caught Under Auto.

RAVENNA, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Dr. George Buol was slightly injured Sunday evening by the overturning of his automobile. He was about a mile east of the city, running at a high speed, when the machine struck some loose sand, swerved around and turned over. The doctor was pinned fast under the machine in a decidedly uncomfortable position and was unable to move, and but for the timely arrival of another machine, driven by Dr. Penn, might have been injured worse than he was. Dr. Penn was obliged to call for help before he was able to move the machine so Dr. Buol could be removed.

## Section Worker Killed.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Henry Stroh, aged 44, was struck and instantly killed by a string of cars that were being switched in the local yards of the Union Pacific this afternoon. He was in the com-

pany's employment on the section force and was on duty at the time. He leaves a widow and four children.

## News Notes of Chadron.

CHADRON, Neb., Oct. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Farmers are finishing their third and a few their fourth cutting of alfalfa for the year. They are finding it hard to get enough help to dig potatoes. One man who had contracted to sell 1,500 bushels is having parties notified to buy elsewhere if they can get them before frost comes. However, the weather, though cold, has not frozen the ground for any depth as yet.

The new water dam and new cement crossings are about completed and have given the most needed improvements of the year. Congressman Kinkaid is finding it hard work to induce Uncle Sam to put in his sidewalks around the lots for the federal building before building. The architect says he will not be ready for over a year.

## Caught a Bad Cold.

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan of Tipton, Ia. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely."—For sale by all druggists.—Advertisement.

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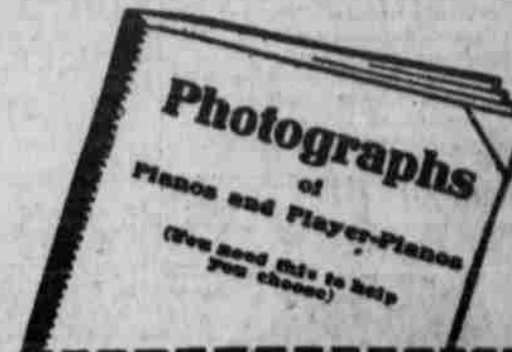
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